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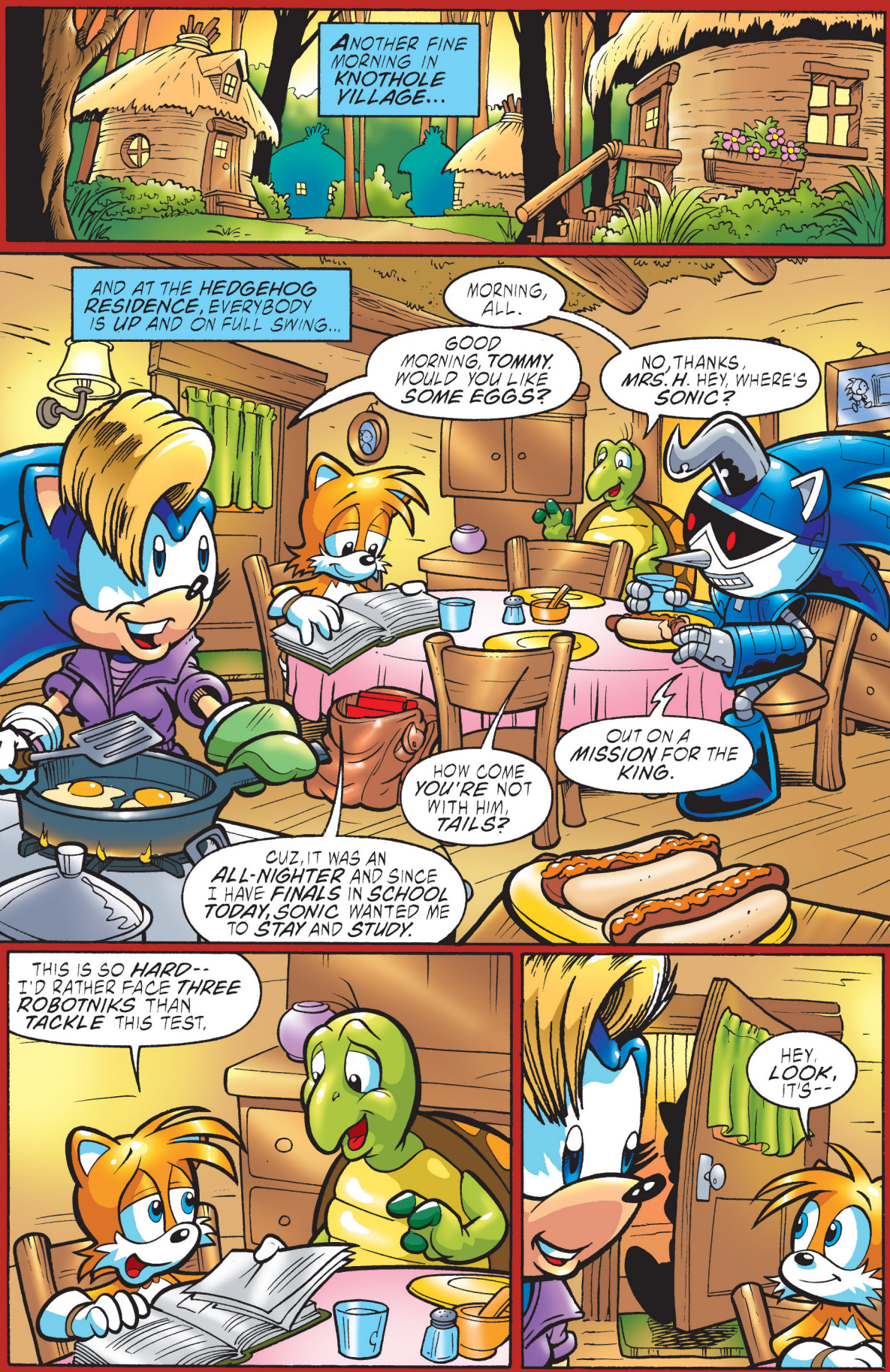
ANOTHER FINE MORNING IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...
AND AT THE HEDGEHOG RESIDENCE, EVERYBODY IS UP AND ON FULL SWING...
MORNING, ALL.
GOOD MORNING, TOMMY. WOULD YOU LIKE SOME EGGS?
NO, THANKS, MRS. H. HEY, WHERE'S SONIC?
OUT ON A MISSION FOR THE KING.
HOW COME YOU'RE NOT WITH HIM, TAILS?
CUZ, IT WAS AN ALL-NIGHTER AND SINCE I HAVE FINALS IN SCHOOL TODAY, SONIC WANTED ME TO STAY AND STUDY.
THIS IS SO HARD-- I'D RATHER FACE THREE ROBOTNIKS THAN TACKLE THIS TEST.
HEY, LOOK, IT'S--

SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
HOW'D IT GO?
...DEAD TIRED, MISSION RAN ALL NIGHT... PUN INTENDED.. SONIC GO BEDDY-BYE...
WOULD MY LITTLE HOG LIKE SOME EGGS AND CHILI DOGS?

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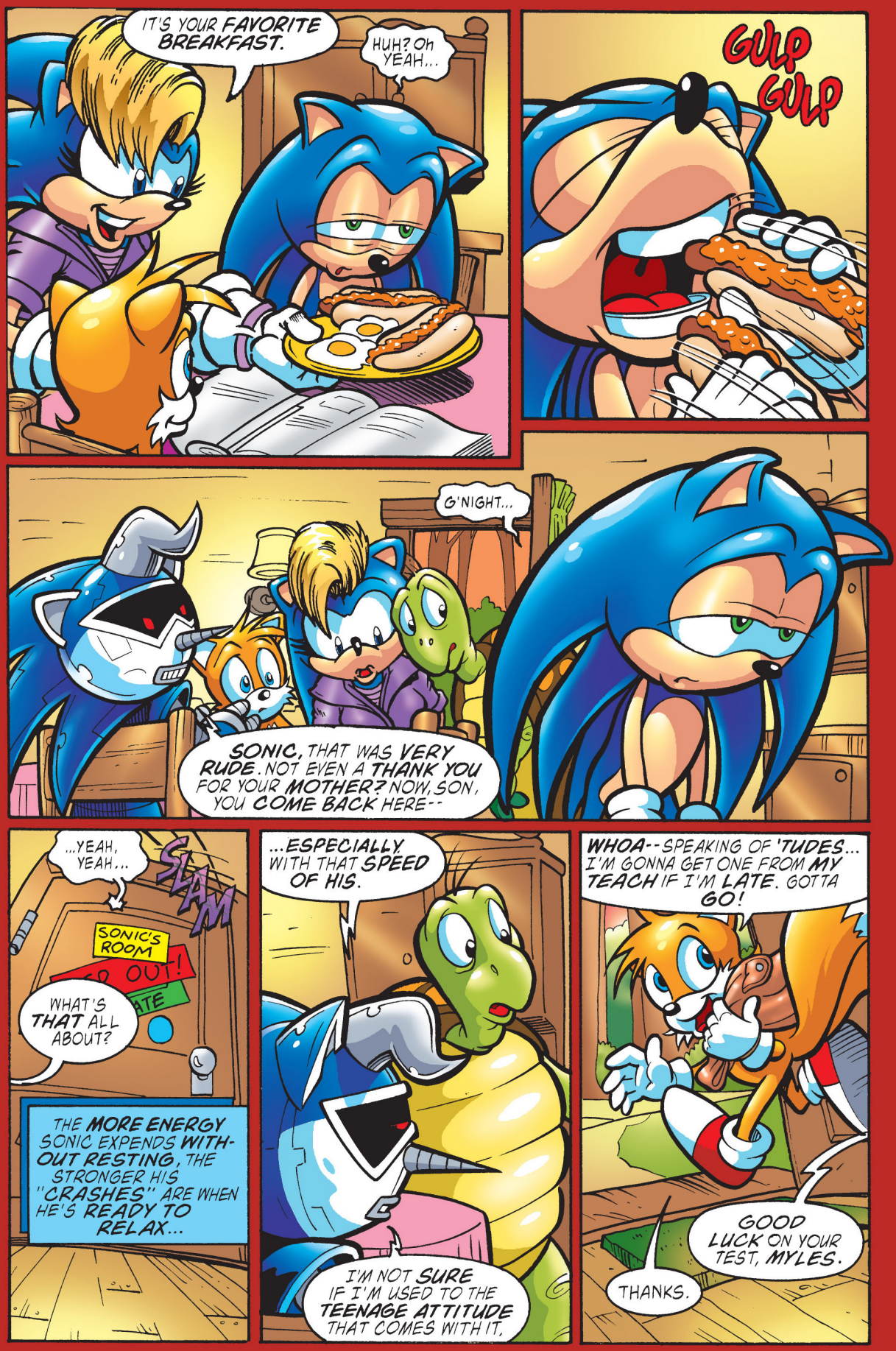
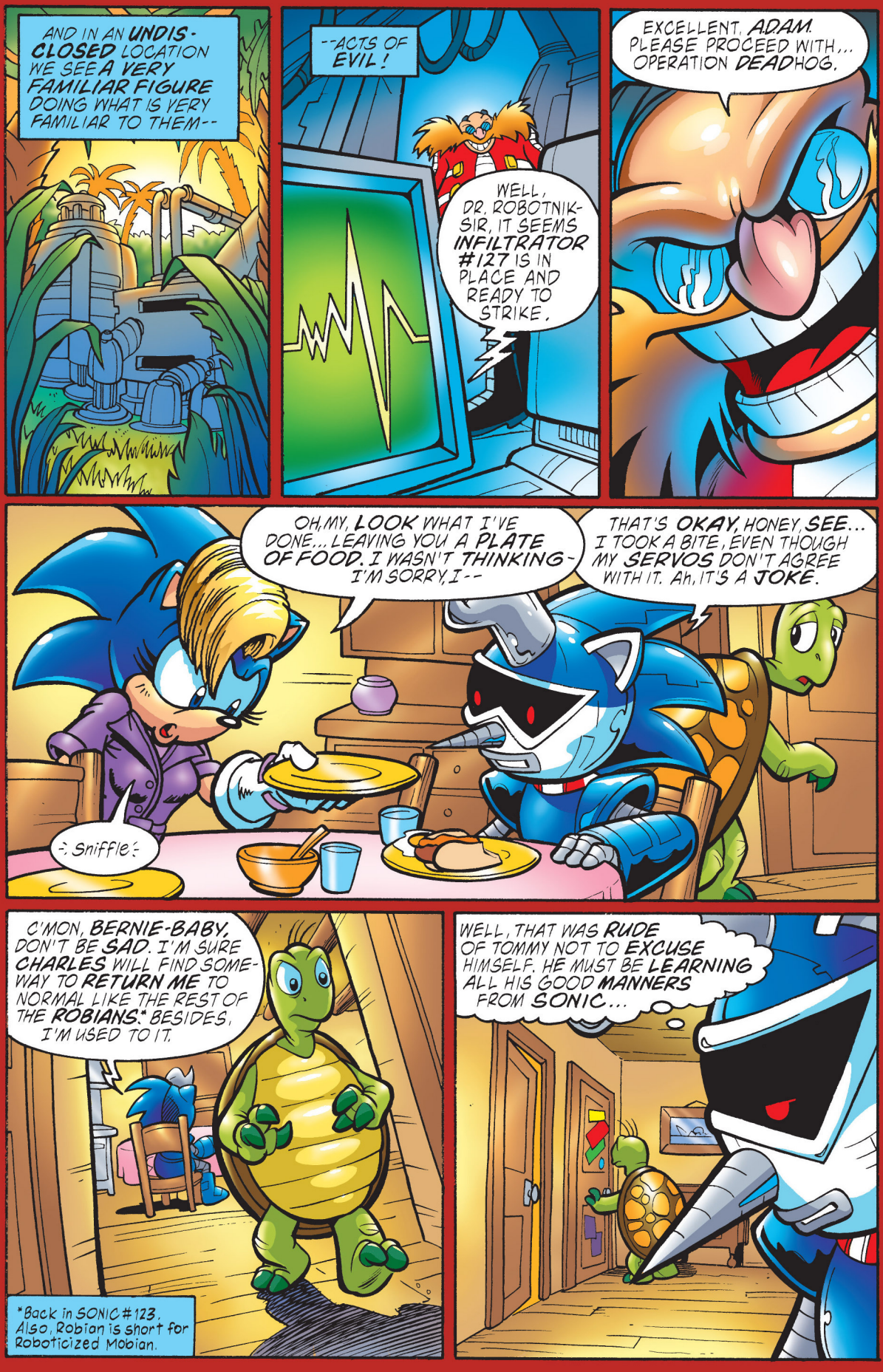
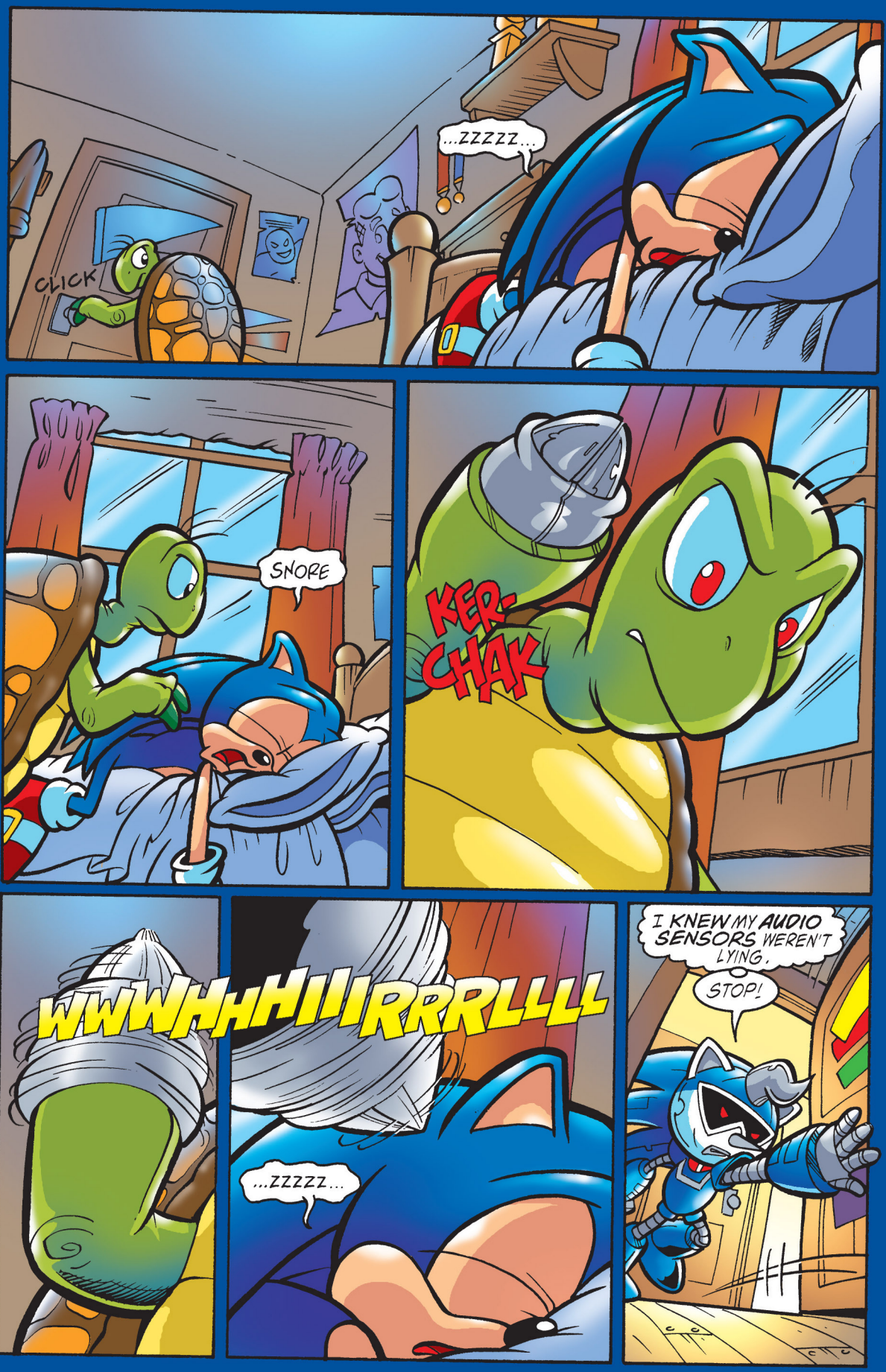
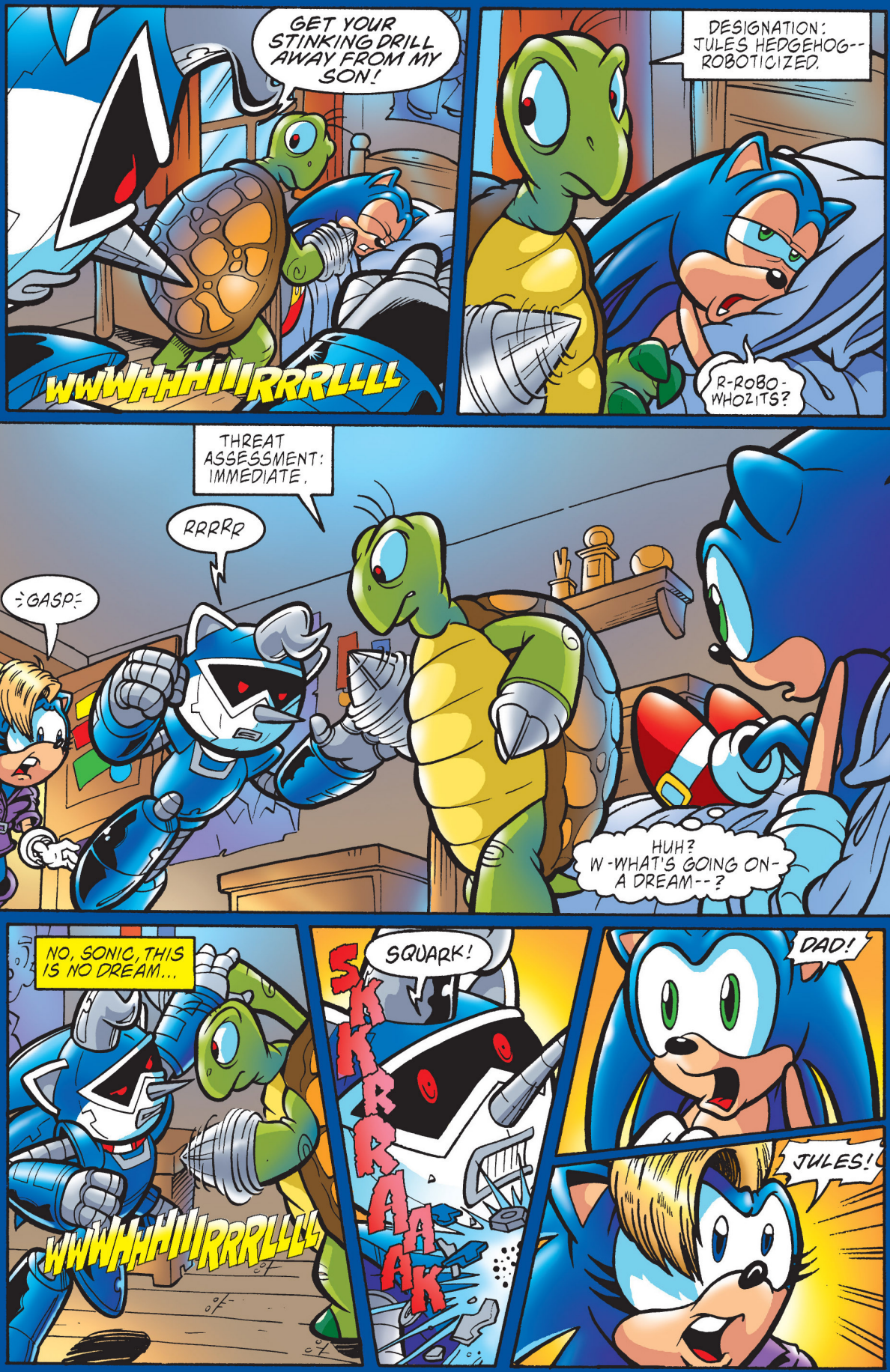
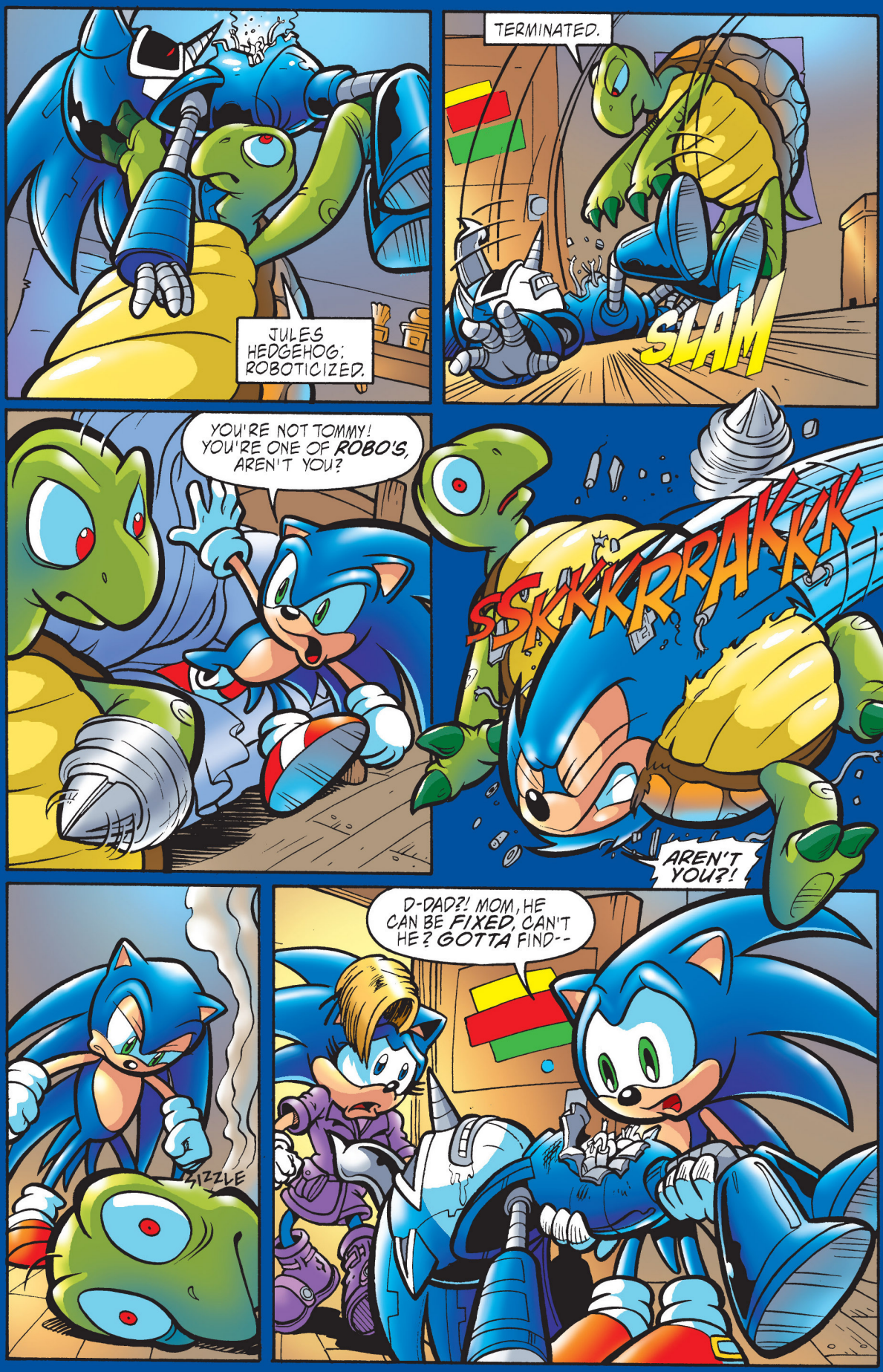

IT'S YOUR FAVORITE BREAKFAST.
HUH? OH YEAH...
GULP GULP
G'NIGHT...
SONIC, THAT WAS VERY RUDE. NOT EVEN A THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOTHER? NOW, SON, YOU COME BACK HERE--
...YEAH, YEAH...
SLAM
SONIC'S ROOM
OUT!
WHAT'S THAT ALL ABOUT?
THE MORE ENERGY SONIC EXPENDS WITHOUT RESTING, THE STRONGER HIS "CRASHES" ARE WHEN HE'S READY TO RELAX...
...ESPECIALLY WITH THAT SPEED OF HIS.
I'M NOT SURE IF I'M USED TO THE TEENAGE ATTITUDE THAT COMES WITH IT.
WHOA--SPEAKING OF 'TUDES... I'M GONNA GET ONE FROM MY TEACH IF I'M LATE. GOTTA GO!
GOOD LUCK ON YOUR TEST, MYLES.
THANKS.

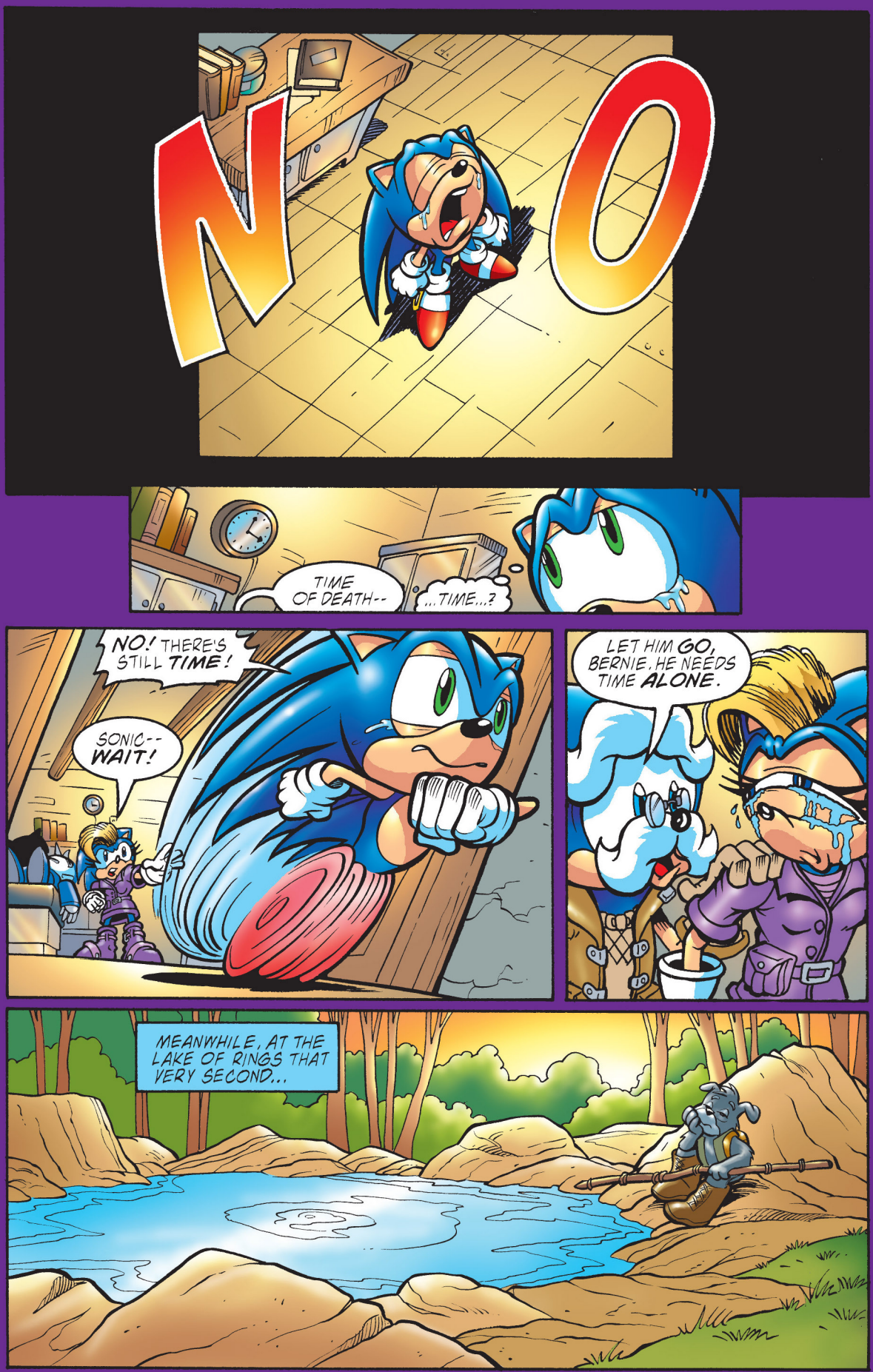

AND IN AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION WE SEE A VERY FAMILIAR FIGURE DOING WHAT IS VERY FAMILIAR TO THEM--
--ACTS OF EVIL!
WELL, DR. ROBOTNIK-SIR, IT SEEMS INFILTRATOR #127 IS IN PLACE AND READY TO STRIKE.
EXCELLENT, ADAM. PLEASE PROCEED WITH... OPERATION DEADHOG.
OH, MY, LOOK WHAT I'VE DONE... LEAVING YOU A PLATE OF FOOD. I WASN'T THINKING- I'M SORRY, I--
THAT'S OKAY, HONEY, SEE... I TOOK A BITE, EVEN THOUGH MY SERVOS DON'T AGREE WITH IT. Ah, IT'S A JOKE.
:- Sniffle -:
C'MON, BERNIE-BABY, DON'T BE SAD. I'M SURE CHARLES WILL FIND SOME-WAY TO RETURN ME TO NORMAL LIKE THE REST OF THE ROBIANS.* BESIDES, I'M USED TO IT.
*Back in SONIC #123. Also, Robian is short for Roboticized Mobian.
WELL, THAT WAS RUDE OF TOMMY NOT TO EXCUSE HIMSELF. HE MUST BE LEARNING ALL HIS GOOD MANNERS FROM SONIC...

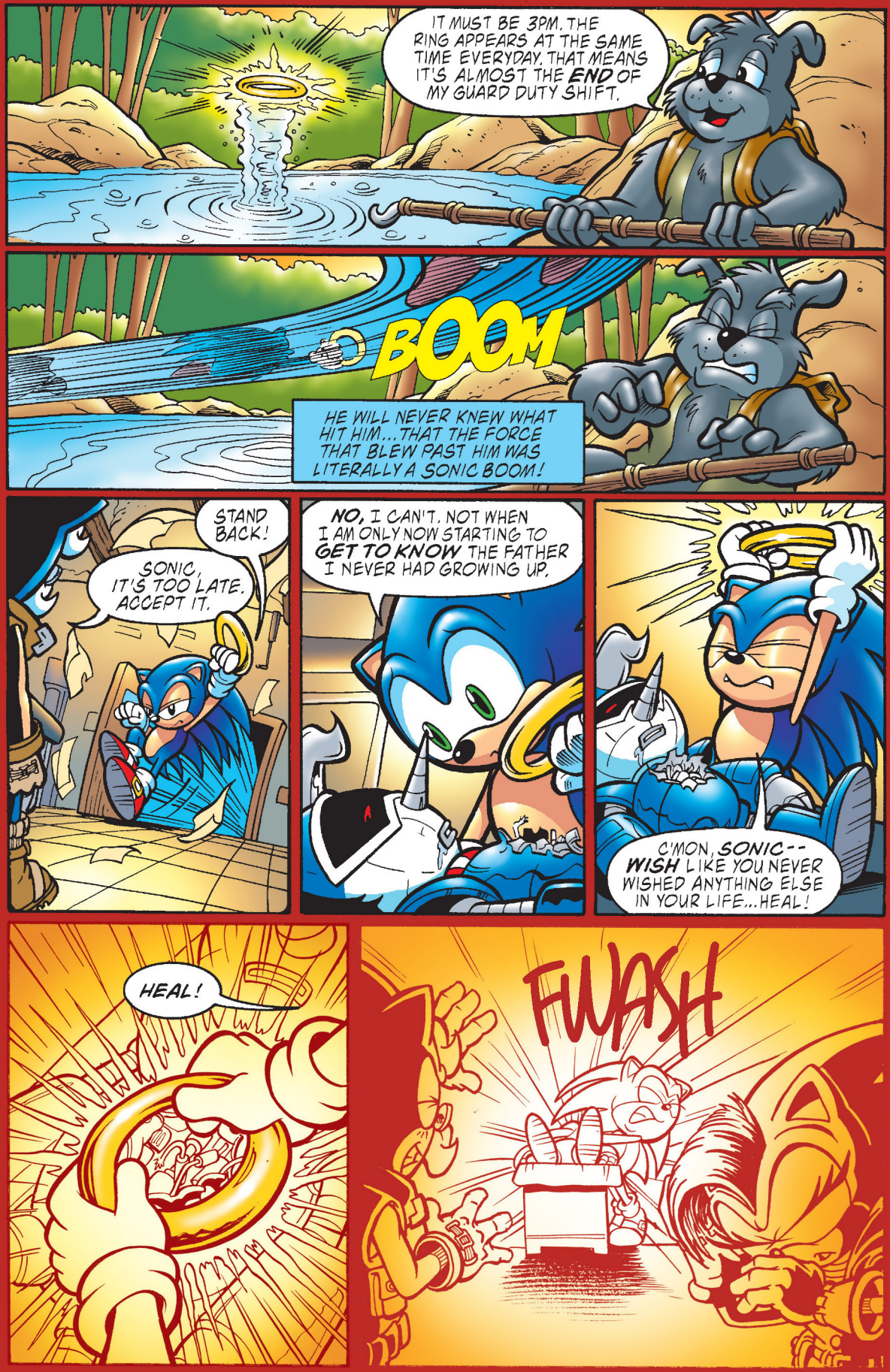

...ZZZZZ...
CLICK
SNORE
KER-CHAK
WWWHHHIIIRRRLLLL
...ZZZZZ...
I KNEW MY AUDIO SENSORS WEREN'T LYING.
STOP!

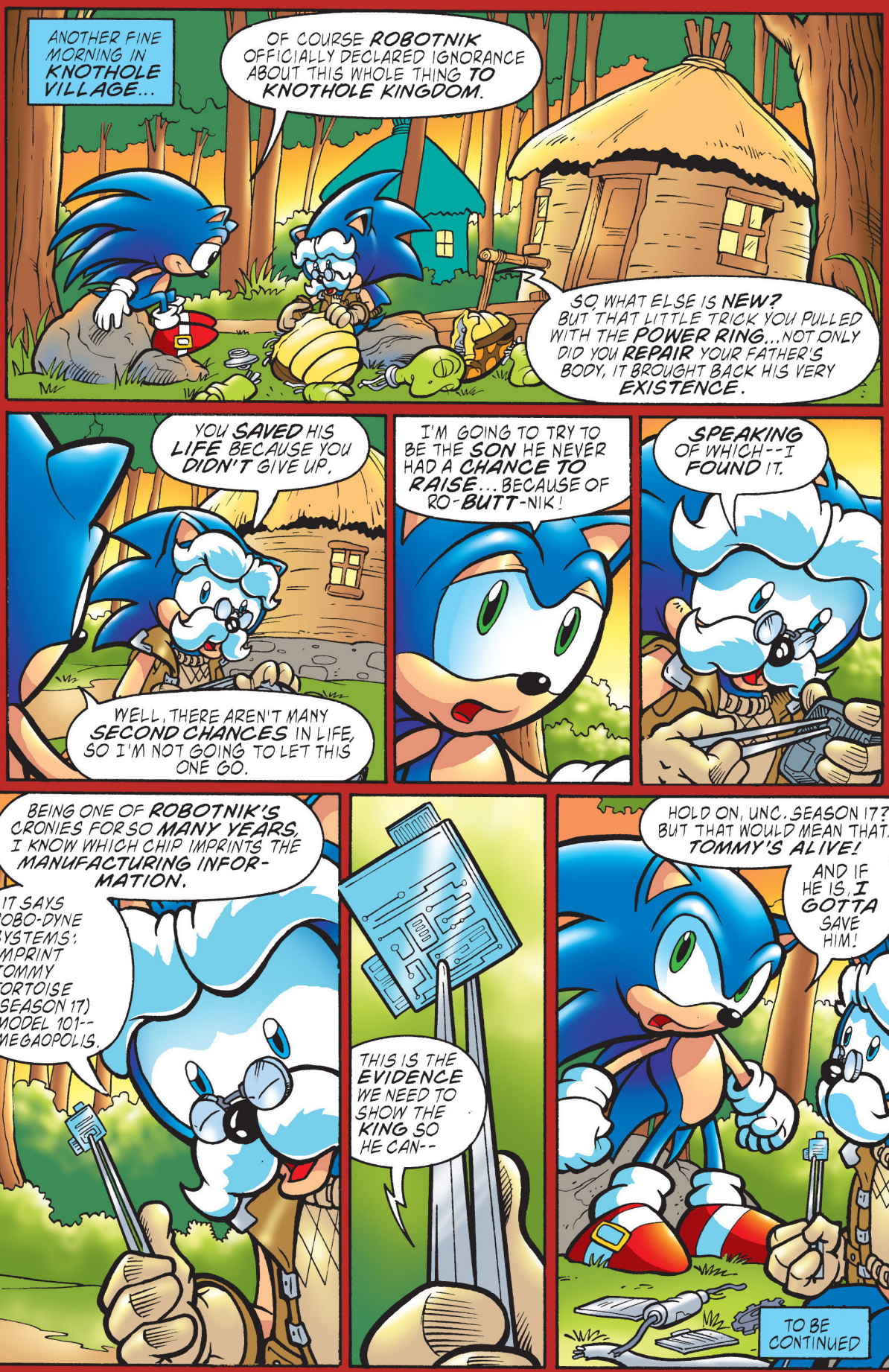

GET YOUR STINKING DRILL AWAY FROM MY SON!
WWWHHHIIIRRRLLLL
DESIGNATION: JULES HEDGEHOG-- ROBOTICIZED.
R-ROBO-WHOZITS?
THREAT ASSESSMENT: IMMEDIATE.
RRRRR
=GASP=
HUH? W-WHAT'S GOING ON- A DREAM--?
NO, SONIC, THIS IS NO DREAM...
WWWHHHIIIRRRLLLL
SQUARK!
SKRRAAK
DAD!
JULES!


JULES HEDGEHOG: ROBOTICIZED.
TERMINATED.
SLAM
YOU'RE NOT TOMMY! YOU'RE ONE OF ROBO'S, AREN'T YOU?
SSKKKRRAKKK
AREN'T YOU?!
SIZZLE
D-DAD?! MOM, HE CAN BE FIXED, CAN'T HE? GOTTA FIND--

"--UNCLE CHUCK."
...NOW, WHEN I PUT THESE TWO PIECES TOGETHER, IT SHOULD--
UNC... PLEASE... HELP...
HE'S NOT DEAD. HE'S A ROBOT AND CAN BE FIXED AS GOOD AS NEW, RIGHT? C'MON, UNCLE CHUCK, IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY.
I MAY BE ABLE TO FIX HIS BODY, SONIC--
--BUT I CAN'T BRING BACK THE SPARK OF LIFE THAT MADE HIM A ROBIAN.
I'M SORRY... HE'S GONE...
:SOB: OH, JULES... :SOB:
GONE?
DAD?


NO
TIME OF DEATH--
...TIME...?
NO! THERE'S STILL TIME!
SONIC-- WAIT!
LET HIM GO, BERNIE. HE NEEDS TIME ALONE.
MEANWHILE, AT THE LAKE OF RINGS THAT VERY SECOND...


IT MUST BE 3PM. THE RING APPEARS AT THE SAME TIME EVERYDAY. THAT MEANS IT'S ALMOST THE END OF MY GUARD DUTY SHIFT.
BOOM
HE WILL NEVER KNEW WHAT HIT HIM...THAT THE FORCE THAT BLEW PAST HIM WAS LITERALLY A SONIC BOOM!
STAND BACK!
SONIC, IT'S TOO LATE. ACCEPT IT.
NO, I CAN'T. NOT WHEN I AM ONLY NOW STARTING TO GET TO KNOW THE FATHER I NEVER HAD GROWING UP.
C'MON, SONIC-- WISH LIKE YOU NEVER WISHED ANYTHING ELSE IN YOUR LIFE...HEAL!
HEAL!
FWASH


ANOTHER FINE MORNING IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...
OF COURSE ROBOTNIK OFFICIALLY DECLARED IGNORANCE ABOUT THIS WHOLE THING TO KNOTHOLE KINGDOM.
SO, WHAT ELSE IS NEW? BUT THAT LITTLE TRICK YOU PULLED WITH THE POWER RING...NOT ONLY DID YOU REPAIR YOUR FATHER'S BODY, IT BROUGHT BACK HIS VERY EXISTENCE.
YOU SAVED HIS LIFE BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T GIVE UP.
WELL, THERE AREN'T MANY SECOND CHANCES IN LIFE, SO I'M NOT GOING TO LET THIS ONE GO.
I'M GOING TO TRY TO BE THE SON HE NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO RAISE... BECAUSE OF RO-BUTT-NIK!
SPEAKING OF WHICH--I FOUND IT.
BEING ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S CRONIES FOR SO MANY YEARS, I KNOW WHICH CHIP IMPRINTS THE MANUFACTURING INFORMATION.
IT SAYS ROBO-DYNE SYSTEMS: IMPRINT TOMMY TORTOISE (SEASON 17) MODEL 101--MEGAOPOLIS.
THIS IS THE EVIDENCE WE NEED TO SHOW THE KING SO HE CAN--
HOLD ON, UNC. SEASON 17? BUT THAT WOULD MEAN THAT... TOMMY'S ALIVE!
AND IF HE IS, I GOTTA SAVE HIM!
TO BE CONTINUED

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25 YEARS LATER

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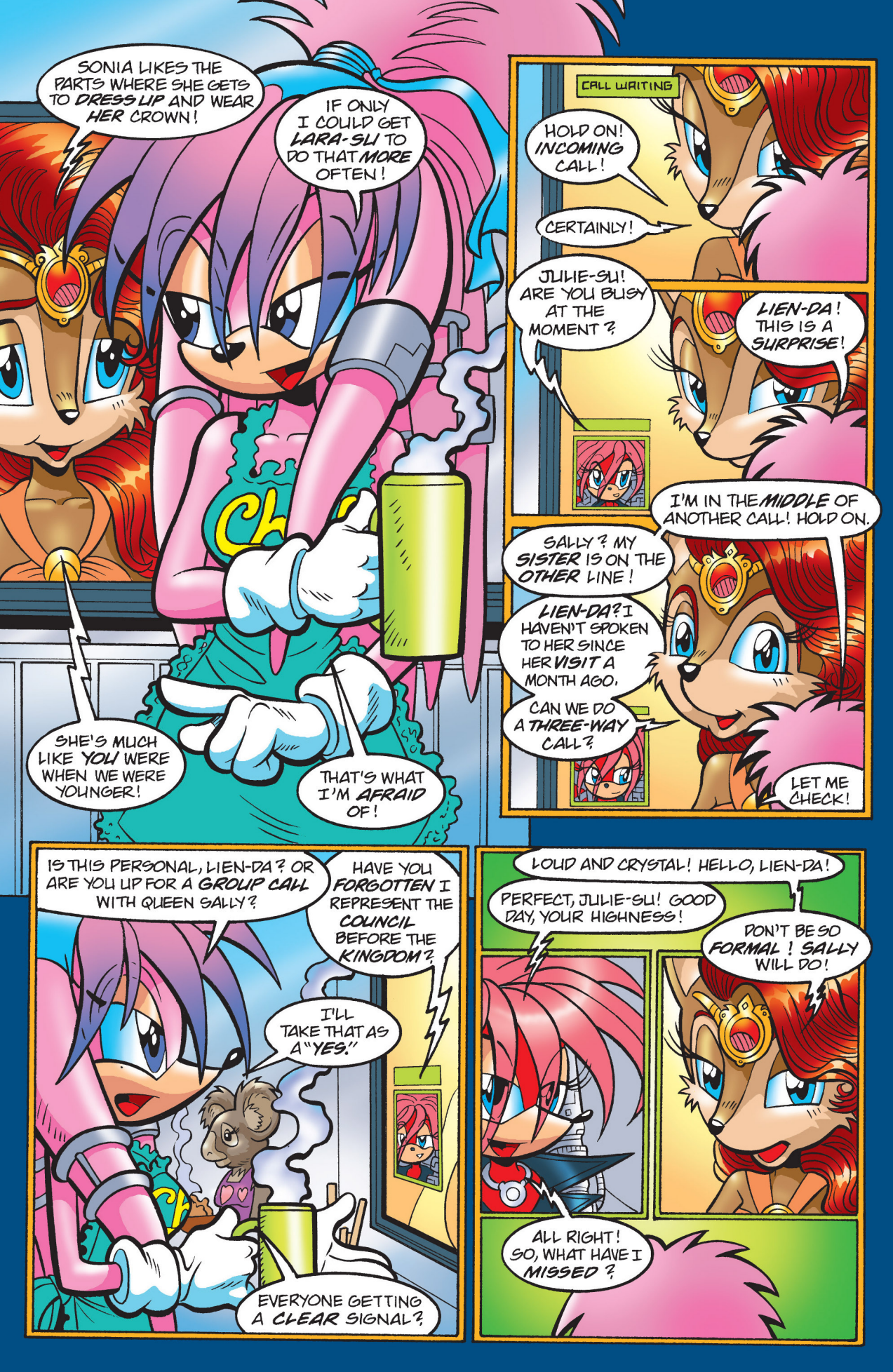
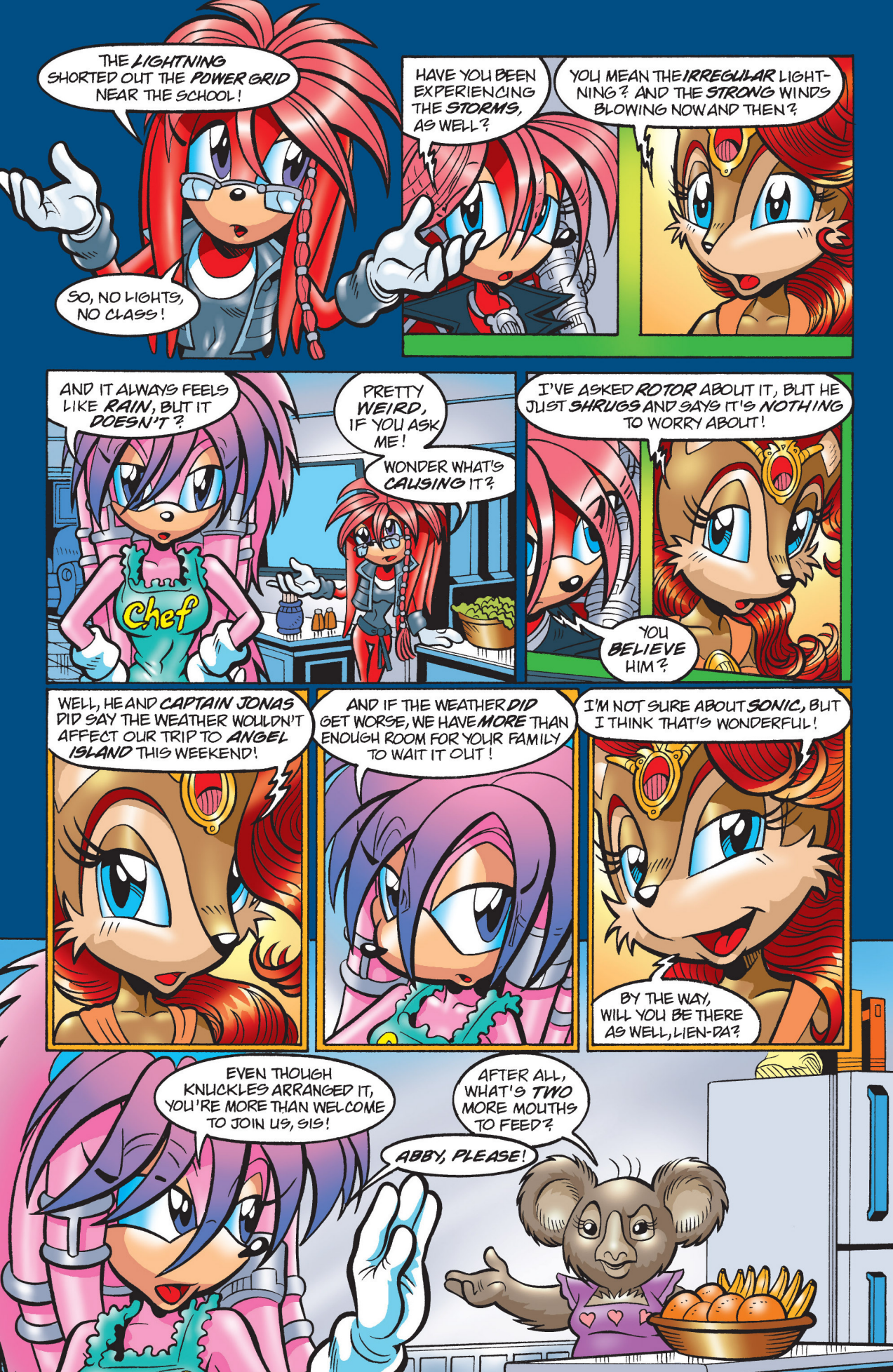
WE HAVE A PROBLEM, JULIE-SU!
I'LL SAY!
Chef
ABBY'S BEEN SCREAMING OVER DINNER PREPARATIONS FOR THIS WEEKEND!
HIS MAJESTY DOESN'T LIKE TOFFETTI, WHILE THE GUARDIAN DESPISES ANYTHING HOT AND SPICY!
GIRL TALK
AS FOR THE CHILDREN--
--I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT THAT!
... SIGH...
WE DON'T NEED TO GO INTO CHAPTER AND VERSE ON HOW FINICKY LARA-SU IS ABOUT HER DIET, ABBY!
Chef
TELL ME ABOUT IT!
MANIK HATES JUST ABOUT ANYTHING HE'S GIVEN!
HE'S SUCH A PAIN THAT ROSIE AND I ARE READY TO THROTTLE HIM!
OVERTHROWING ROBOTNIK WAS FAR EASIER--

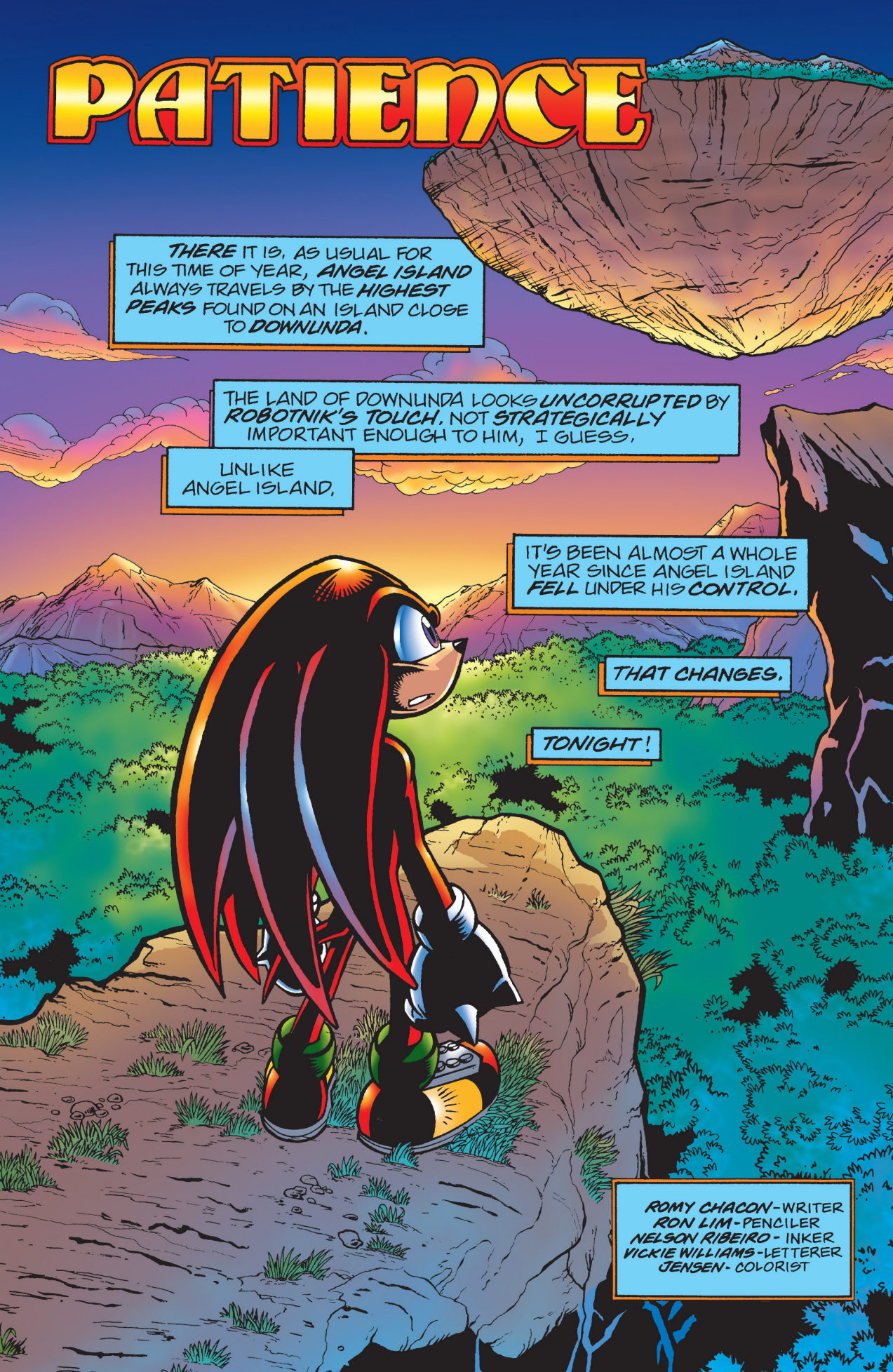
--THAN PLANNING A SIMPLE GET-TOGETHER!
I PRACTICALLY HAVE TO DRAG KNUCKLES TO A SOCIAL FUNCTION!
Chef
SONIC IS THE SAME WAY!
YOU'D THINK HE'D HAVE GOTTEN USED TO ALL THE ROYAL PROTOCOL, HAVING BEEN KING--
WHAT IS IT NOW-- GOING ON SEVENTEEN YEARS!
SEVENTEEN YEARS? AND HERE I THOUGHT SONIC BECAME KING JUST AFTER THE WEDDING!
NOT QUITE. MY FATHER DIDN'T STEP DOWN FROM THE THRONE THE FIRST TWO YEARS WE WERE MARRIED!
NOT THAT SONIC MINDED! HE'D HAVE BEEN HAPPY HAD I GIVEN UP THE CROWN!
I DON'T THINK KNUCKLES EVER REALLY WANTED TO BE A GUARDIAN, EITHER!
LARA-SU'S OLD ENOUGH TO TAKE OVER FOR HIM, ISN'T SHE?
OH, YES! WHICH SHE REMINDS HER FATHER OF ALL THE TIME!
Chef
SO, WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
NOT ENOUGH FIBER IN HIS DIET, IF YOU ASK ME!
ABBY, PLEASE!
WELL, IT'S TRUE!
I WISH THAT WERE THE CASE WITH MANIK!
HE HAS ZERO INTEREST IN BEING A PRINCE--
--WHEREAS SONIA LOVES BEING A PRINCESS ONLY SOME OF THE TIME!
JUST SOME?


SONIA LIKES THE PARTS WHERE SHE GETS TO DRESS UP AND WEAR HER CROWN!
IF ONLY I COULD GET LARA-SU TO DO THAT MORE OFTEN!
SHE'S MUCH LIKE YOU WERE WHEN WE WERE YOUNGER!
THAT'S WHAT I'M AFRAID OF!
CALL WAITING
HOLD ON! INCOMING CALL!
CERTAINLY!
JULIE-SU! ARE YOU BUSY AT THE MOMENT?
LIEN-DA! THIS IS A SURPRISE!
I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF ANOTHER CALL! HOLD ON.
SALLY? MY SISTER IS ON THE OTHER LINE!
LIEN-DA? I HAVEN'T SPOKEN TO HER SINCE HER VISIT A MONTH AGO.
CAN WE DO A THREE-WAY CALL?
LET ME CHECK!
IS THIS PERSONAL, LIEN-DA? OR ARE YOU UP FOR A GROUP CALL WITH QUEEN SALLY?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN I REPRESENT THE COUNCIL BEFORE THE KINGDOM?
I'LL TAKE THAT AS A "YES."
EVERYONE GETTING A CLEAR SIGNAL?
LOUD AND CRYSTAL! HELLO, LIEN-DA!
PERFECT, JULIE-SU! GOOD DAY, YOUR HIGHNESS!
DON'T BE SO FORMAL! SALLY WILL DO!
ALL RIGHT! SO, WHAT HAVE I MISSED?

WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT DINNER PLANS FOR THIS WEEKEND!
OH, HOW LOVELY! SOUNDS LIKE FUN!
GETTING AWAY FROM THE KINGDOM IS THE FUN PART!
EVERYTHING ELSE I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT!
PROBLEMS WITH THE KIDS, OR THE OTHER HALF?
BOTH!
THEY SHOULD ALL GO EAT OUT AT THE DINER AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED!
OH, YEAH, SAL, I HAVE SOME BAD NEWS FOR MANIK--
--AS LARA-SU JUST ISN'T INTERESTED IN HANGING OUT WITH HIM!
HANGING OUT WITH WHO, MOM?
Chef
MY SON, PRINCE MANIK, LARA-SU!
HE HAS QUITE A CRUSH ON YOU!
ON ME?!
BUT I'M TOO OLD FOR HIM!
IF MY FRIENDS FIND OUT, I'LL NEVER HEAR THE END OF IT!
OMIGOSH!! AUNT LIEN-DA!!!
PLEASEPLEASEPLEASE DON'T TELL RUTAN ANY OF THIS!
TELL MY SON WHAT, DEAR?
MY LIPS ARE SEALED!
YOU'RE THE BEST, AUNT LIEN-DA!
SAY, HOW COME YOU'RE HOME ALREADY? SCHOOL LET OUT EARLY?


THE LIGHTNING SHORTED OUT THE POWER GRID NEAR THE SCHOOL!
SO, NO LIGHTS, NO CLASS!
HAVE YOU BEEN EXPERIENCING THE STORMS, AS WELL?
YOU MEAN THE IRREGULAR LIGHTNING? AND THE STRONG WINDS BLOWING NOW AND THEN?
AND IT ALWAYS FEELS LIKE RAIN, BUT IT DOESN'T?
PRETTY WEIRD, IF YOU ASK ME!
WONDER WHAT'S CAUSING IT?
Chef
I'VE ASKED ROTOR ABOUT IT, BUT HE JUST SHRUGS AND SAYS IT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!
YOU BELIEVE HIM?
WELL, HE AND CAPTAIN JONAS DID SAY THE WEATHER WOULDN'T AFFECT OUR TRIP TO ANGEL ISLAND THIS WEEKEND!
AND IF THE WEATHER DID GET WORSE, WE HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH ROOM FOR YOUR FAMILY TO WAIT IT OUT!
I'M NOT SURE ABOUT SONIC, BUT I THINK THAT'S WONDERFUL!
BY THE WAY, WILL YOU BE THERE AS WELL, LIEN-DA?
EVEN THOUGH KNUCKLES ARRANGED IT, YOU'RE MORE THAN WELCOME TO JOIN US, SIS!
AFTER ALL, WHAT'S TWO MORE MOUTHS TO FEED?
ABBY, PLEASE!

I'D LOVE TO, JULIE-SU, BUT I'M AFRAID I HAVE A PRIOR COMMITMENT!
SOME OTHER TIME, PERHAPS?
CERTAINLY!
GRANDFATHER DIMITRI IS SIGNALLING ME!
I'LL HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU LATER, JULIE-SU!
GIVE HIM MY BEST, WILL YOU?
I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON YOUR NEXT VISIT TO THE KINGDOM, LIEN-DA! TAKE CARE!
YOU, TOO. I'LL BE IN TOUCH!
CALL TERMINATED
KLIK!
CHOPPP!!!
NOW, UNLESS EITHER OF YOU HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS, I'LL BE SERVING AN ESCARGOT SOUFFLÉ WITH CLAM PIE AND DESSERT THIS WEEKEND!
THAT-- SOUNDS WONDERFUL!
WORKS FOR ME!
...EEWWW... GROSS!
To be continued...


PATIENCE
THERE IT IS, AS USUAL FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR, ANGEL ISLAND ALWAYS TRAVELS BY THE HIGHEST PEAKS FOUND ON AN ISLAND CLOSE TO DOWNUNDA.
THE LAND OF DOWNUNDA LOOKS UNCORRUPTED BY ROBOTNIK'S TOUCH. NOT STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO HIM, I GUESS.
UNLIKE ANGEL ISLAND,
IT'S BEEN ALMOST A WHOLE YEAR SINCE ANGEL ISLAND FELL UNDER HIS CONTROL.
THAT CHANGES.
TONIGHT!
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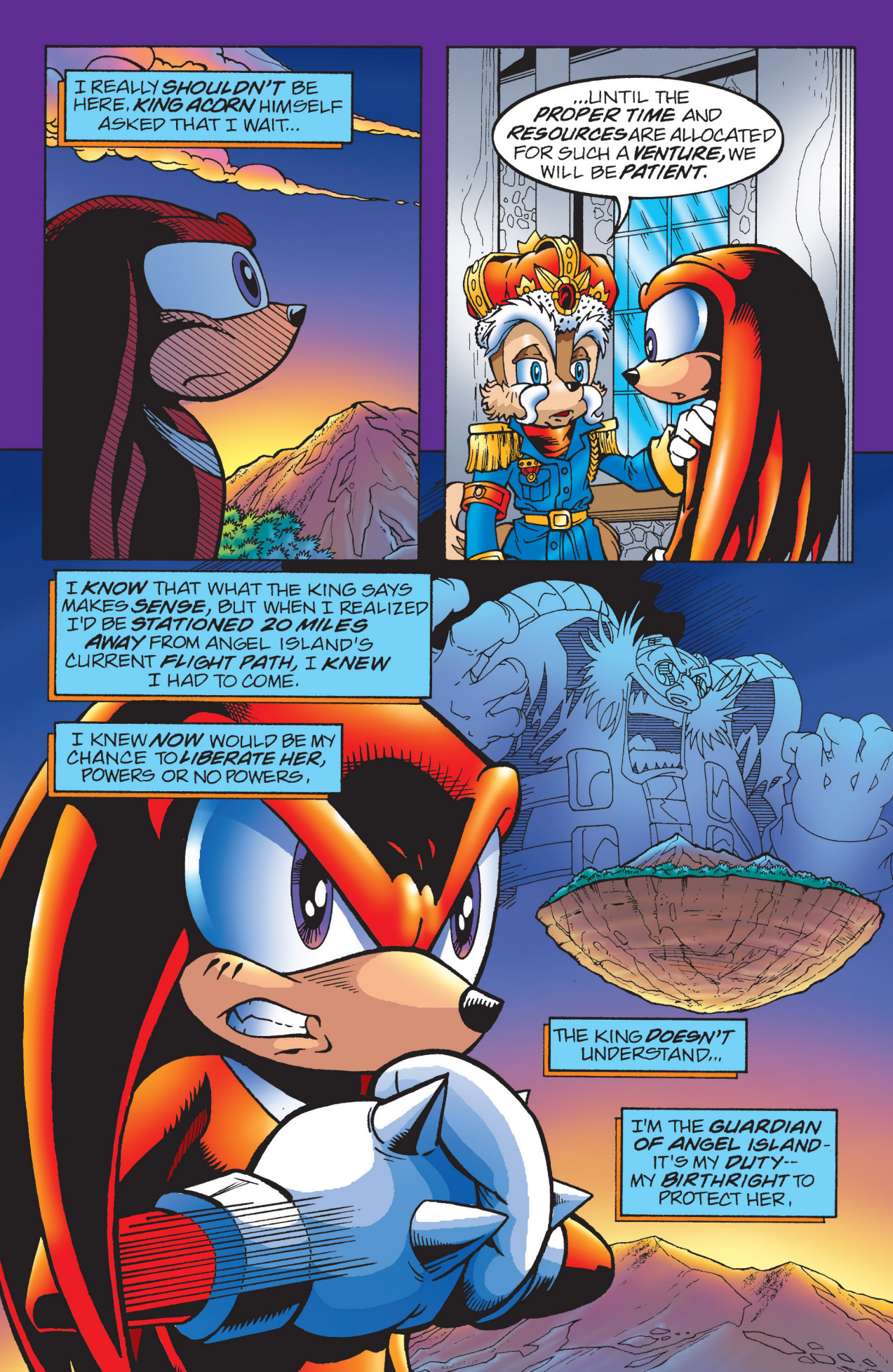
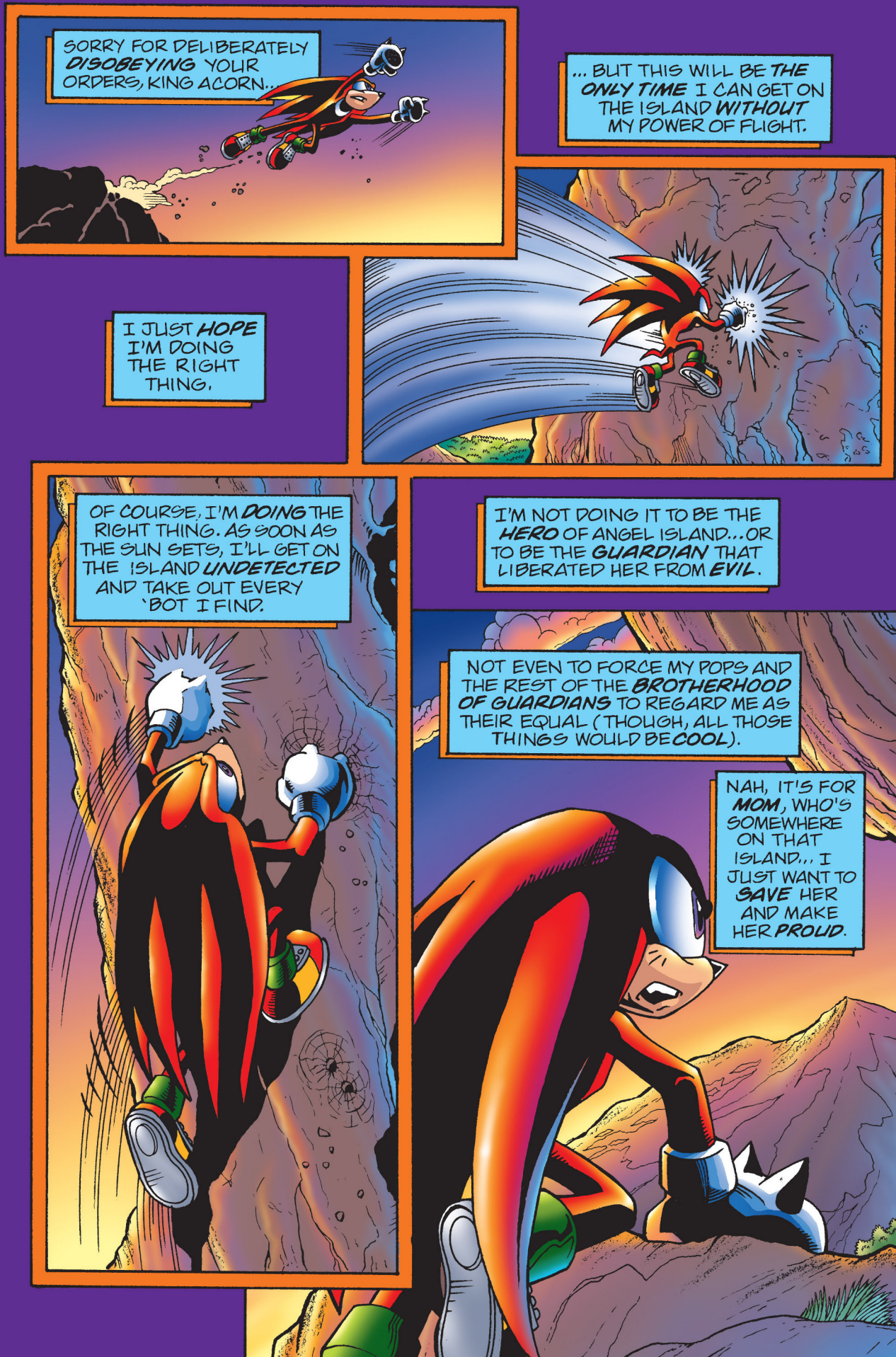
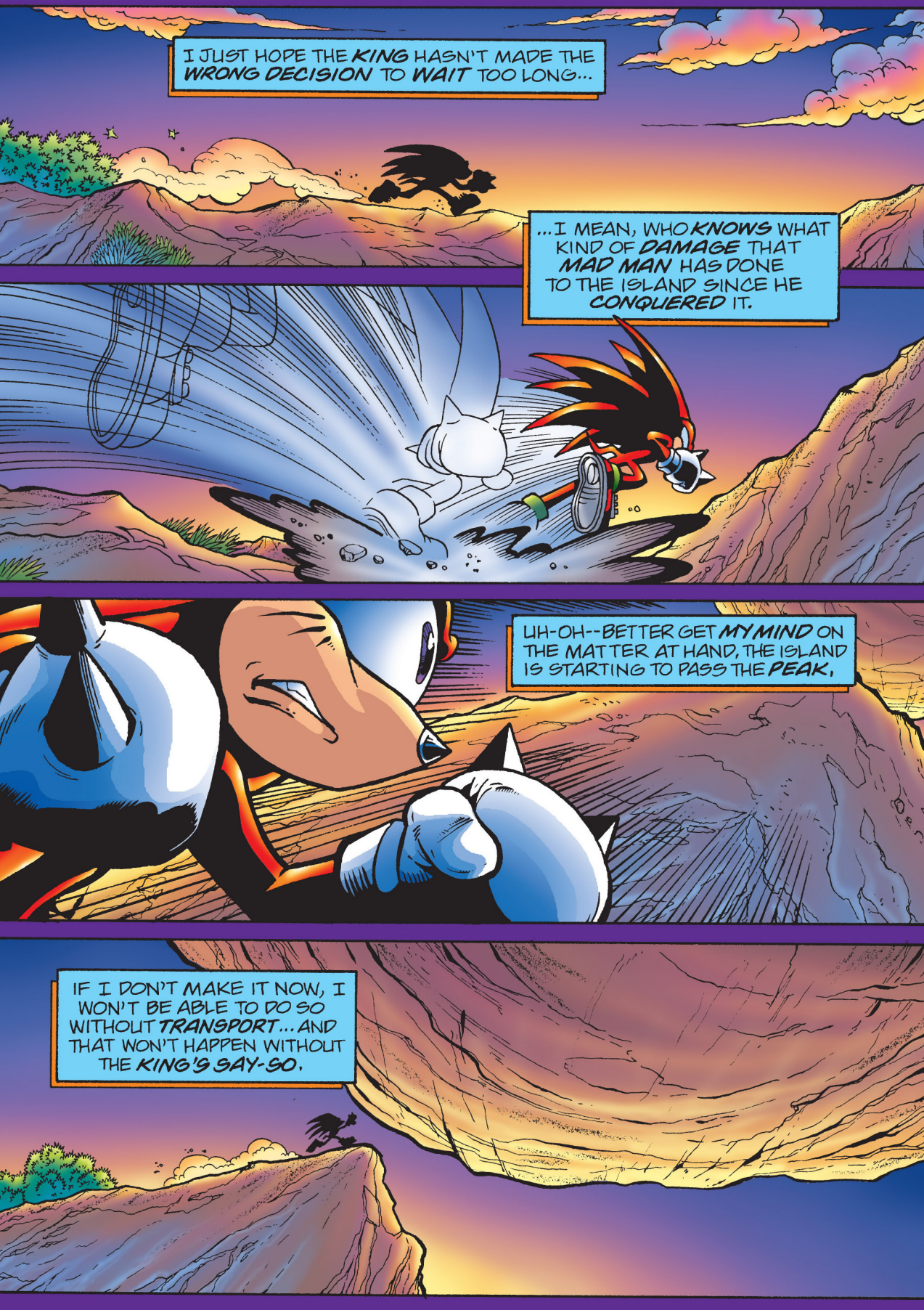
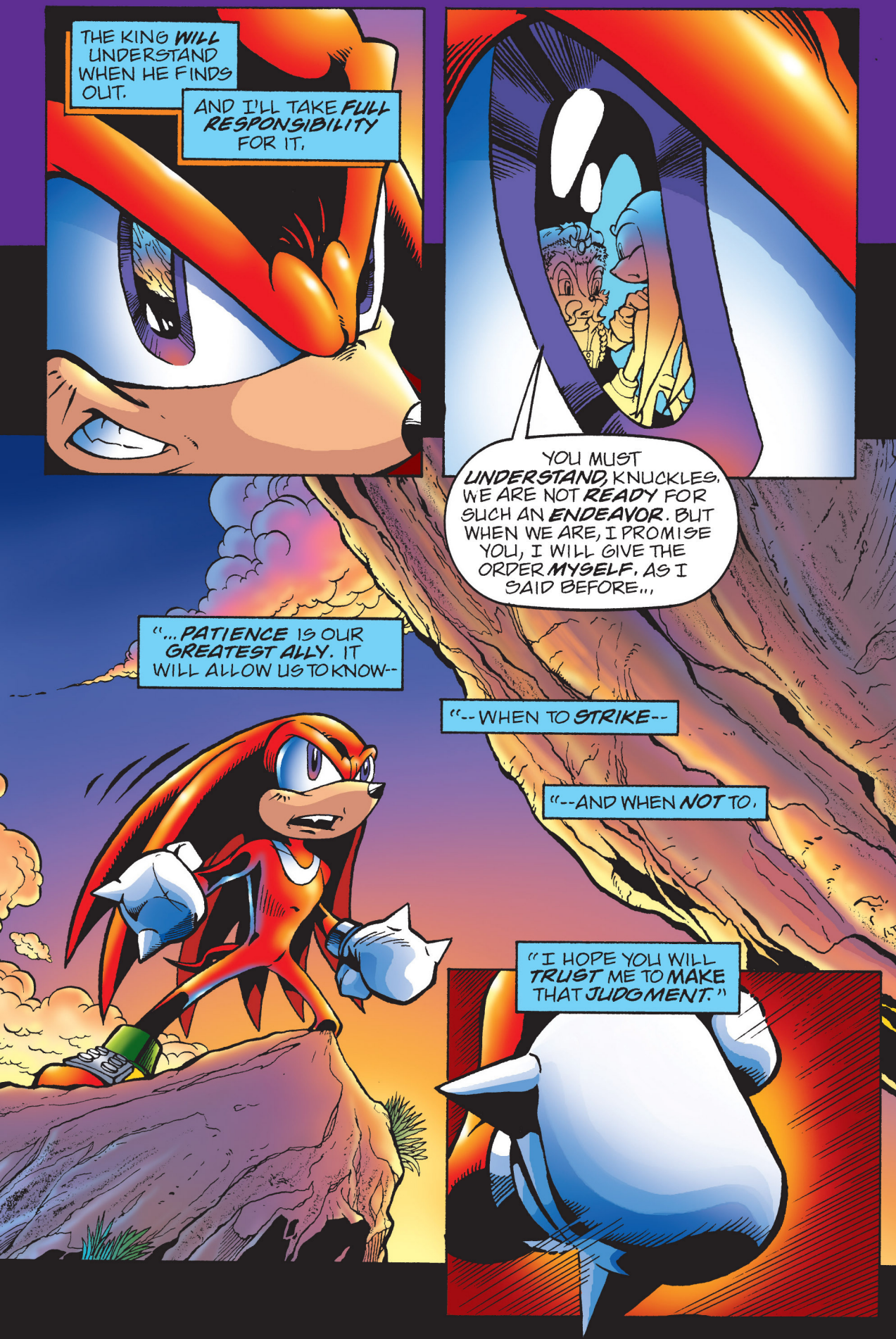
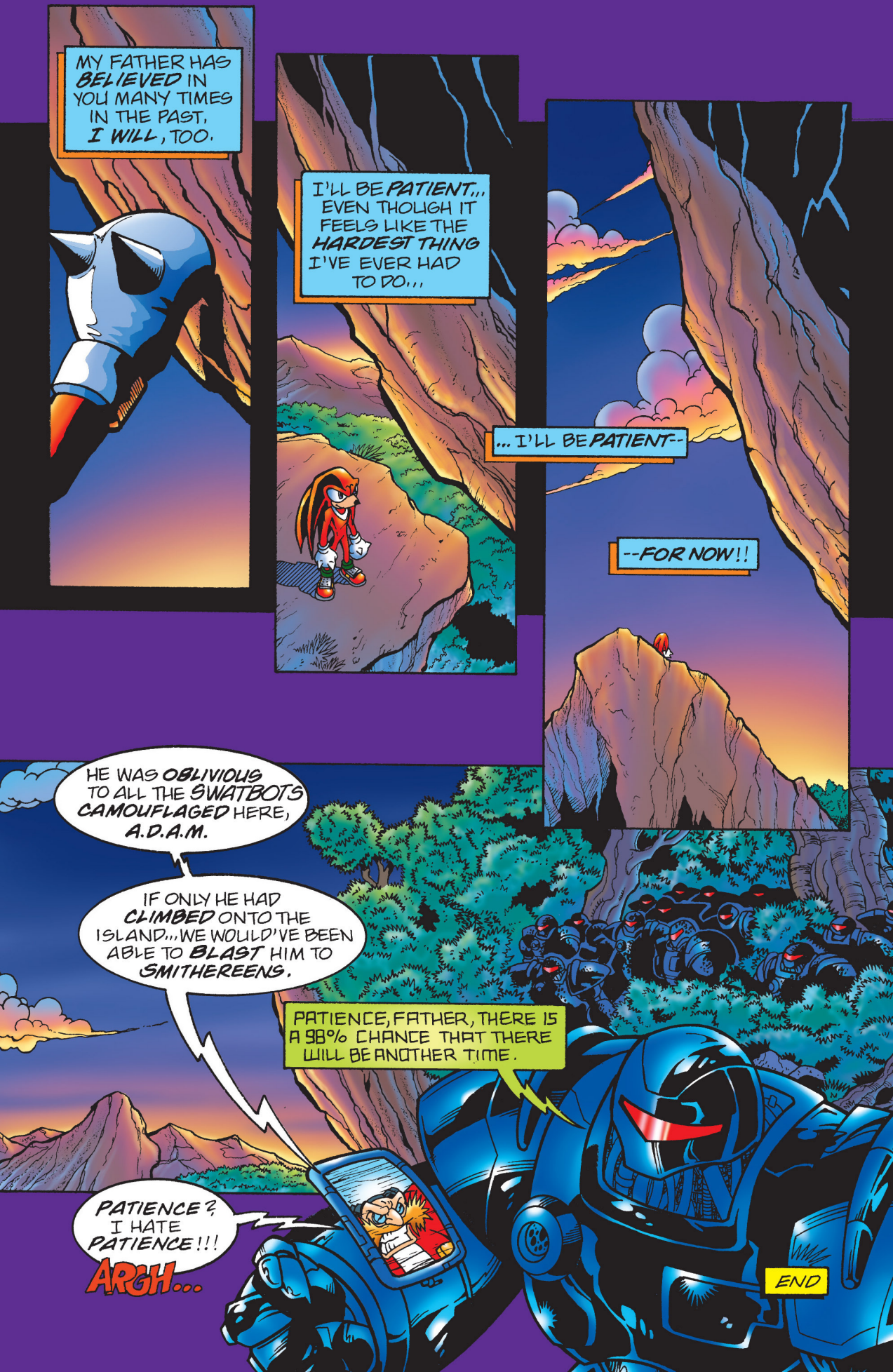

I REALLY SHOULDN'T BE HERE. KING ACORN HIMSELF ASKED THAT I WAIT...
...UNTIL THE PROPER TIME AND RESOURCES ARE ALLOCATED FOR SUCH A VENTURE, WE WILL BE PATIENT.
I KNOW THAT WHAT THE KING SAYS MAKES SENSE, BUT WHEN I REALIZED I'D BE STATIONED 20 MILES AWAY FROM ANGEL ISLAND'S CURRENT FLIGHT PATH, I KNEW I HAD TO COME.
I KNEW NOW WOULD BE MY CHANCE TO LIBERATE HER, POWERS OR NO POWERS.
THE KING DOESN'T UNDERSTAND...
I'M THE GUARDIAN OF ANGEL ISLAND - IT'S MY DUTY -- MY BIRTHRIGHT TO PROTECT HER.


SORRY FOR DELIBERATELY DISOBEYING YOUR ORDERS, KING ACORN...
... BUT THIS WILL BE THE ONLY TIME I CAN GET ON THE ISLAND WITHOUT MY POWER OF FLIGHT.
I JUST HOPE I'M DOING THE RIGHT THING.
OF COURSE, I'M DOING THE RIGHT THING. AS SOON AS THE SUN SETS, I'LL GET ON THE ISLAND UNDETECTED AND TAKE OUT EVERY 'BOT I FIND.
I'M NOT DOING IT TO BE THE HERO OF ANGEL ISLAND... OR TO BE THE GUARDIAN THAT LIBERATED HER FROM EVIL.
NOT EVEN TO FORCE MY POPS AND THE REST OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF GUARDIANS TO REGARD ME AS THEIR EQUAL (THOUGH, ALL THOSE THINGS WOULD BE COOL).
NAH, IT'S FOR MOM, WHO'S SOMEWHERE ON THAT ISLAND... I JUST WANT TO SAVE HER AND MAKE HER PROUD.


I JUST HOPE THE KING HASN'T MADE THE WRONG DECISION TO WAIT TOO LONG...
...I MEAN, WHO KNOWS WHAT KIND OF DAMAGE THAT MAD MAN HAS DONE TO THE ISLAND SINCE HE CONQUERED IT.
UH-OH--BETTER GET MY MIND ON THE MATTER AT HAND, THE ISLAND IS STARTING TO PASS THE PEAK.
IF I DON'T MAKE IT NOW, I WON'T BE ABLE TO DO SO WITHOUT TRANSPORT... AND THAT WON'T HAPPEN WITHOUT THE KING'S SAY-SO.


THE KING WILL UNDERSTAND WHEN HE FINDS OUT.
AND I'LL TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT.
YOU MUST UNDERSTAND, KNUCKLES, WE ARE NOT READY FOR SUCH AN ENDEAVOR. BUT WHEN WE ARE, I PROMISE YOU, I WILL GIVE THE ORDER MYSELF. AS I SAID BEFORE...
"...PATIENCE IS OUR GREATEST ALLY. IT WILL ALLOW US TO KNOW--
"--WHEN TO STRIKE--
"--AND WHEN NOT TO.
"I HOPE YOU WILL TRUST ME TO MAKE THAT JUDGMENT."


MY FATHER HAS BELIEVED IN YOU MANY TIMES IN THE PAST, I WILL, TOO.
I'LL BE PATIENT... EVEN THOUGH IT FEELS LIKE THE HARDEST THING I'VE EVER HAD TO DO...
...I'LL BE PATIENT--
--FOR NOW!!
HE WAS OBLIVIOUS TO ALL THE SWATBOTS CAMOUFLAGED HERE, A.D.A.M.
IF ONLY HE HAD CLIMBED ONTO THE ISLAND...WE WOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO BLAST HIM TO SMITHEREENS.
PATIENCE, FATHER, THERE IS A 98% CHANCE THAT THERE WILL BE ANOTHER TIME.
PATIENCE?, I HATE PATIENCE!!!
ARGH...
END